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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: ACUPUNCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE

DELAWARE BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard

Conference Room A, Second Floor, Cannon Building

Dover, Delaware

MINUTES APPROVED (February 18, 2010)

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lorna Lee, Committee Member, Chair, Presiding James J. Frisa, Committee Member Alan Keith Tillotson, Committee Member

## **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III Patricia Murphy, Deputy Attorney General

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jennifer Baust, R.N., Committee Member Vincent Lobo, D.O. Physician Committee Member Jeffrey S. Meyers, M.D., Ex-Officio Committee Member

#### ALSO PRESENT

Irene Rust

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Lee called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Council reviewed the November 19, 2009 minutes for approval. Mr. Tillotson moved, seconded by Ms. Lee, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Review Application(s) for Licensure as an Acupuncture Practitioner

The Council reviewed the application from Yuemei Bai Urick (Yuemei Bai). Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Tillotson, to grant an acupuncture practitioner license to Yuemei Bai Urick (Yuemei Bai). Motion unanimously carried.

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The Council reviewed the application of Christina Vassallo. Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Frisa, to grant an acupuncture practitioner license to Christina Vassallo. Motion unanimously carried.

The Council reviewed the application of Xiaoyan Gong. Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Tillotson, to grant an acupuncture practitioner license to Xiaoyan Gong. Motion unanimously carried.

The Council reviewed the application of Sarah Laux. Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Frisa, to propose to deny Ms. Laux's application as she did not submit evidence of completion of a course in clean needle technique as administered by the CCAOM or evidence of passing an examination in clean needle technique, as pursuant to Rule 4.1.1. Motion unanimously carried.

The Council reviewed the application of Evelyn Chan. Ms. Chan was applying for licensure by reciprocity with the State of New York. Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Tillotson, to table Ms. Chan's application and require that she provide the Council with the licensure requirements from New York and show that they are equal to or exceeds the requirements for licensure in Delaware as specified in Section 1798 of the statute. Motion unanimously carried.

The Council reviewed the application of Qizhi Gao. Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Tillotson, to table Mr. Gao's application and require that he apply under original licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## Proposed Acudetox Language by the NADA, Delaware Chapter

The Council reviewed the proposed acudetox language from the Delaware Chapter of the NADA. A discussion was held with Ms. Rust concerning this language. The Council made the following suggestions for the requirements:

- 1. add language that the individuals are licensed in Delaware.
- 2. add language that it is approved by the Board.
- 3. add language that the facility or practice is a licensed Delaware facility as per *Delaware Code* Title 16.
- 4. reference the mental health code provisions from Title 16.

The Council also discussed whether language regarding substance abuse and nicotine needs to be included. Ms. Murphy stated that she will advise Ms. Reardon of the suggested changes so she can provide the Council with an updated draft for review at the next meeting. Ms. Lee reported that she has spoken to Senator Margaret Rose Henry who has indicated that she will sponsor the proposed amendment to the statute. Ms. Lee will draft a letter to be sent to the practicing acupuncturists advising them of the proposed amendment and inviting them to the next meeting.

# <u>Draft Letter to Legislators Related to Acudetox Specialists and Dry Needling</u>

The Council decided not to send a letter to legislators regarding Acudetox specialists and dry needling.

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# OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

The Council reviewed the meeting schedule for 2010. It was decided to meet in November and skip December. The Council requested that Ms. MacAfee make this change and provide members with a revised meeting schedule.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no other public comment.

# **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Tillotson, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle L. Melvin

Administrative Specialist III

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